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SUBJECT: MAURITIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S REACTION TO
AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S PRESS STATEMENT

REF: STATE 169685

1. I TRANSMITTED RICHARDSON STATEMENT TO MINISTER
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, SIR HAROLD WALTER, ON JULY 21. IN
AN ENCOUNTER THE FOLLOWING DAY HE SAID HE HAD READ IT
CAREFULLY AND WHILE HE FOUND MANY POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN
IT, THE STATEMENT ENDED ON A VERY PESSIMISTIC NOTE.
HE WONDERED WHY. I REPLIED IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE
STATEMENT THAT BOTH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LATEST COMPOSITE
TEXT ON THE DEEP SEABED AND THE MANNER IN WHICH IT HAD
BEEN DRAWN UP HAD COME AS A SHOCK TO US. WALTER THEN
COMMENTED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE
CLOSELY, BUT IT WAS CLEAR TO HIM THAT A FAILURE TO REACH
A LOS AGREEMENT "WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE SUPER
POWERS." I SAID THE USG DEFINITELY WANTS AN AGREEMENT
AND BELIEVES THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ARE THE LAST CHANCE
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TO ACHIEVE ONE.

2. "DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME," WALTER SAID, "I AM NOT
SAYING THE SUPER POWERS ARE OPPOSED TO AN AGREEMENT.
WHAT I MEAN IS, IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT THE SMALL
COUNTRIES LIKE OURS CAN CLAIM JURISDICTION OVER ALL THE
TERRITORY THEY WANT, BUT HOW ARE THEY GOING TO POLICE

IT? THE SUPER POWERS WILL THEN BE ABLE TO DO AS THEY
LIKE AND NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP THEM." FOR THIS
REASON, HE CONCLUDED, MAURITIUS WANTS A LOS TREATY WHICH
WILL ASSURE ITS RIGHTS, SINCE IT DOESN'T HAVE THE MEANS
TO PROTECT THEM ITSELF.
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